

**CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021
KIVA HUT – 402 PARK STREET
6:30 P.M.**

In accordance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the 14th day of September 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St, Taft, Texas 78390.

You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/404005261>

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Access Code: 404-005-261

1. Call to order and quorum check.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.
3. VISITORS - At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select one (1) representative to speak for them. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.
4. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments for and against the City's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, which begins October 1, 2021 and ends September 30, 2022.
5. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 1081, an ordinance to approve the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, which begins October 1, 2021 and ends September 30, 2022.
6. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments for and against the proposed 2021 property tax rate for the City of Taft.
7. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 1082 to:
 - (1) Approve and levy an ad valorem total tax rate of \$0.770000 for the use and support of the City for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all property within the corporate City limits;
 - (2) Approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for the *maintenance and operations (M&O)* of the City at a tax rate of \$0.560807 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate City limits; and

(3) Approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for the *debt service (I&S)* of the City at a tax rate of \$0.209193 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate City limits.

8. Discuss and consider update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.
9. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the July 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes, July 28, 2020 regular meeting minutes, August 11, 2020 regular meeting minutes, August 17, 2020 special meeting minutes, August 25, 2020 regular meeting minutes, August 27, 2020 special meeting minutes, and August 31, 2020 special meeting minutes.
10. Presentation by Ron Jorgenson with San Patricio County on forming a Hospital District.
11. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve an agreement for Public Improvement District Administrative Services with MuniCap, Inc.
12. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve a proposal to provide professional services related to water and wastewater infrastructure financing from Capex Consulting Group.
13. Consider, discuss, and take action on retaining Benefits Concepts Inc. for employee health benefits.
14. Consider, discuss, and take action on approving Ordinance No. 1083, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1071, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Code of Ordinances, amending Ordinance No. 968 and rescinding Ordinance No. 984 to designate that the Chief of Police be a municipal officer appointed, hired, and removed by the City Council; providing a savings and severability clause; and providing an effective date.
15. Discussion on update of the status of fire hydrants.
16. Discussion on update of the status of the Animal Control shelter.
17. Discuss monthly reports for city manager, police department, animal control, code enforcement, and public works.
18. City Council Requests and Announcements:
 - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
 - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
19. Executive Session:
 1. Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to meet with its Attorney to seek legal advice on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding: Agreement with Taft ISD on the Taft Water Park.
 2. Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to meet with its Attorney to seek legal advice on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding agreement with Taft Volunteer Fire Department.

3. Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: Chief of Police Ponce Trevino.
20. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive session.
21. Adjournment.

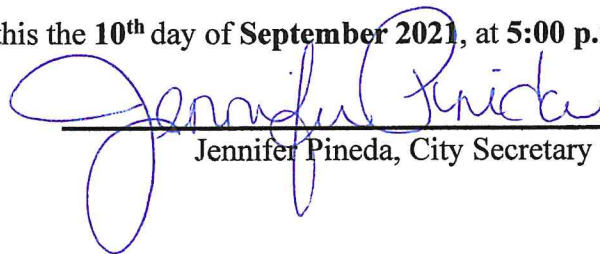
A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071 Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where **legal advice** is requested of the City Attorney.
2. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072 The **purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property**, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
3. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.073 A **contract for a prospective gift or donation** to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
4. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.074 **Personnel matters** involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee.
5. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.076 The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of **security personnel or devices**.
6. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.087 Deliberations regarding **economic development negotiations**.

NOTICE

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who may need auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the City offices at (361) 528-3512 by Monday noon.

DATED and POSTED this the **10th** day of **September 2021**, at **5:00 p.m.**



Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary